Los A..geles County Sheriff's Depa..ment

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
02-01-16	Detective Division / Operation Safe Streets	☐	☐

Incident Information

URN: 015-19109-1331-055		Date: 09-24-15	Time: 1445 hours
City or Station: Lakewood Station		Nature of Incident: Detective Perez and Detective [redacted] pursued a 417 suspect on foot. During the pursuit, the suspect fired 5-6 rounds at the detectives. Det. Perez returned fire, and fired one shot (non-hit).	
Location: 13402 Woodruff Avenue, Bellflower			

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☑ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☑ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☑ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☑

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
1	5-6

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	Street Address	City	First Name / Zip Code	M.I. / Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]			[redacted]	[redacted]	
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]			[redacted]		
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]			[redacted]		
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Moore	Jeffrey	L.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Tapia	Patrick	R.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Roberts	Christopher	B.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Lumpkin	Carl	E.

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Perez	First Name: Arthur	M.I.: M.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Detective	Unit Assignment: OSS	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 130G1
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6 / Age: 46 Height: 510	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] / Weight: 170	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors: External vest.
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☑ Number of Prior Shootings: 1 Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: H&K Caliber: 45	# Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Age: Height:	Duty Time (hrs): / Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
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Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Valencia		First Name: Leopoldo	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted] [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 45 D.O.B. 02-16-70	Height: 509 Weight: 192	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking # 4454230	Primary Charge: 664/187 PC	Secondary Charge: 245(d)(1) PC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole: No	Probation: No	Prior Felony Conviction: [redacted]

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
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Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
09-24-15	1600 hours	02-01-16	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Martin	Daniel	W.
[redacted]	Denison	Trent	A.
[redacted]	Flores	David	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	FH	ZZ	38			NN	
E1	S1	FH	HK	45	Y	Y	NN	

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Incident: Deputy Involved Shooting - Non-Hit

IAB File: SH2387075

LASD File #: 015-19109-1331-055

DATE/TIME: September 24, 2015 / 1445 hours

LOCATION: 13402 Woodruff Avenue, Bellflower

OPENING STATEMENT

On Thursday, September 24, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Daniel Martin, #[redacted], Sergeant Trent Denison, #[redacted], and Lieutenant David Flores, #[redacted], responded to 10132 Foster Road, Bellflower, and were briefed regarding the circumstances of a Deputy-Involved Non-Hit Shooting. Internal Affairs Bureau investigator, Sergeant Daniel Martin, was assigned the administrative review of the deputy-involved shooting.

All personnel involved documented their actions in supplemental reports. Copies of which may be found in **Exhibit A**.

SYNOPSIS

On September 24, 2015, Operation Safe Streets (OSS) Detectives Arthur Perez, #[redacted], and [redacted], #[redacted], were driving an unmarked, silver, Ford Crown Victoria, in the area of Foster Road and Woodruff Avenue, Bellflower, when they observed a group of males standing on the south sidewalk of Foster Road. The group of males were standing adjacent to a bicycle, which matched the description of a bicycle stolen during the commission of a murder a few days prior.

> IAB Note: **The murder was being investigated under file number, #015-18707-1325-011. The date of the incident was September 19, 2015, and occurred in the city of Lakewood.**

Detective Perez was driving the vehicle, and Detective [redacted] was the bookman. Detective Perez stopped their vehicle in front of a white van parked along the south curb line of Foster Road, to contact the group of males.

IAB Note: **Detective [redacted] stated during his interview with Internal Affairs Bureau investigators, prior to observing the group of males, he advised Detective Perez his radio battery was low, and they discussed Detective Perez handling radio traffic until they could return to Lakewood Station for a new battery. He said he could hear other radio traffic being broadcast; however, his radio beeped, indicative of low battery power.**

Both detectives exited their vehicle, and approached the group of males from opposite directions. Detective Perez walked around the front of their vehicle onto the sidewalk, while Detective [redacted] exited toward the rear of their vehicle, and then around the back of the white van, onto the sidewalk. When Detective [redacted] reached the sidewalk, he heard one of the males shout, "Oh shit. The cops!", and saw a Hispanic male wearing a light gray t-shirt, Suspect Leopoldo Valencia, emerge from the passenger side of the white van.

IAB Note: **The white van, Chevrolet, Astrovan, License# [redacted], belonged to Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] was standing amongst the group of males on the sidewalk.**

Detective Perez made eye contact with Suspect Valencia, and saw him reach into his right, front pants pocket. The suspect grabbed the butt of a handgun, which slightly protruded from the outer edge of his pocket. Detective Perez also noticed the outline of the handgun through the suspect's clothing. Suspect Valencia turned away from Detective Perez and walked westbound toward Woodruff Avenue. In strange fashion, the suspect screamed incoherently and sprinted away from Detective Perez. Detective Perez and Detective [redacted] then gave chase.

Detective Perez told investigators he utilized his handheld radio and initiated emergent traffic regarding the foot pursuit; however, he did not receive a response from Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC). He said he clicked his microphone and advised he was in foot pursuit of a 417 suspect, which Detective [redacted] also reported hearing a portion of. For reasons unknown, the broadcast was not heard by SCC.

IAB Note: **During the same time frame, Detective Perez stated he initiated the foot pursuit radio traffic, Cerritos Station also utilized the same dispatch channel, which may account for why Detective Perez' transmission was not heard. A copy of the SCC radio traffic involving Cerritos Station was included on a Compact Disc under Exhibit B.**

Suspect Valencia ran westbound on the sidewalk of Foster Road, and then southbound through a shopping center, past the front of a [redacted], "[redacted]." Detective Perez followed Suspect Valencia along the same path, while Detective [redacted] paralleled them on an adjacent path, just outside of scaffolding, which was erected on the exterior of the [redacted]. Detective [redacted] stated he ran in the same direction as Suspect Valencia, but a few feet behind, and to the west. His position was slightly ahead of Detective Perez.

Suspect Valencia reached the south edge of the [redacted], turned left around the corner of the building, and ran eastbound on a pathway between two buildings. When Suspect Valencia reached the corner, he made a wide turn, which enabled Detective Perez to keep him in his line of sight. Detective [redacted] maintained his view from outside of the scaffolding. Detective Perez slowed his pursuit as he approached the corner of the [redacted], and estimated Suspect Valencia was approximately fifteen feet in front of him.

As Detective Perez angled around the building, Detective [redacted] moved east through an opening in the scaffolding toward Perez. Suspect Valencia continued his escape east through an opened passageway, which led into an enclosed trash dumpster area. Unbeknownst to the detectives at the time, the only avenue of escape for the suspect was to climb over the exterior walls. Detective Perez approached the passageway, and got within four to five feet of the threshold when he heard five to six gunshots. Detective Perez believed Suspect Valencia was armed with a semi-automatic weapon, based on the rapid succession of the gunshots. He saw dust and cement chip away from the wall directly in front of him as the rounds struck. Detective [redacted] maintained a position at the southwest corner of the [redacted], and he too, saw the dust and cement chip away from the walls when the rounds struck.

Detective Perez backed two to three steps away from the passageway, and fired one round from his duty weapon as cover fire, in order to retreat to a safe position. He fired his round to the right of the doorway, where he last saw Suspect Valencia running. He then fully retreated in a southwest direction and took cover behind a vehicle parked in the parking lot. After he got to a position of cover, Detective Perez broadcast emergent radio traffic of the incident. Detective Perez and Detective [redacted] set up a containment to apprehend the suspect, and they maintained their positions until assisting units arrived.

Suspect Valencia was subsequently located within the containment at [redacted]. He was taken into custody by the Special Enforcement Bureau. Suspect Valencia was not hit by Detective Perez' gunfire. No weapon was recovered at the time of arrest.

On September 26, 2015, Lakewood OSS, with the assistance of Transit Services Bureau canine detail, conducted an article search for the handgun discarded by Suspect Valencia. The canine unit alerted to a bush in the south side yard of [redacted]. Detectives from OSS searched the bush and found a .38 caliber revolver. Scientific Services Bureau responded and recovered the firearm. All involved personnel documented their actions in supplemental reports, copies of which may be found in **Exhibit A**.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Arthur Perez, #[redacted]
Detective
OSS – Lakewood Sheriff Station

WORK HISTORY

Detective Arthur Perez

Department Hire Date:	12-27-1994
Date Assigned to Operation Safe Streets:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incidents:	One
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

SUSPECT

Valencia, Leopoldo
Male, Hispanic, DOB: February 16, 1970, 5'09", 192 pounds
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Valencia's criminal history is included in with this case, Exhibit C.**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

None. Suspect Valencia did not report being injured when he hit his head on the scaffolding.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was collected and documented by Scientific Services Bureau personnel and Lakewood Sheriff's Station. Photos of the crime scene, taken by Scientific Services Bureau, were submitted with this case as **Exhibit D**.

WEAPON USED BY DETECTIVE PEREZ

Heckler & Koch, USP, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, Serial #[redacted] & Department approved .45 caliber ammunition.

Detective Perez fired one (1) round of Department approved .45 caliber ammunition. One .45 caliber Luger cartridge casing was recovered from the crime scene.

The firearm was examined by Firearms Examiner David Kim of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[Exhibit E]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Detective Perez heard Suspect Valencia fire five to six rounds from a firearm. A firearm was recovered two days after the incident, on September 26, 2015, in the bushes in the south side yard of [redacted]. The recovered weapon was a Rohm RG38, double action revolver, .38 caliber, Serial number [redacted], with (6) .38 caliber fired cartridge cases.

Fired bullets and bullet fragments were recovered from the scene of the deputy involved shooting, and were determined to have been fired from the above submitted firearm **[Exhibit F]**.

DNA testing was additionally conducted on the above submitted firearm, and it was determined that the DNA profile from the trigger matched the DNA profile from Suspect Leopoldo Valencia **[Exhibit G]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A description of the damage, as indicated on the crime lab supplemental report, can be found in **Exhibit H.**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Detective [redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Operation Safe Streets. Detective [redacted] presented the criminal case to the District Attorney's Office at Bellflower Superior Court. Charges of 664/187 PC – Attempt Murder on a Peace Officer (two counts), 245(d)(1) PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon (one count), and 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon in Possession of a Firearm (one count) were filed against Suspect Valencia.

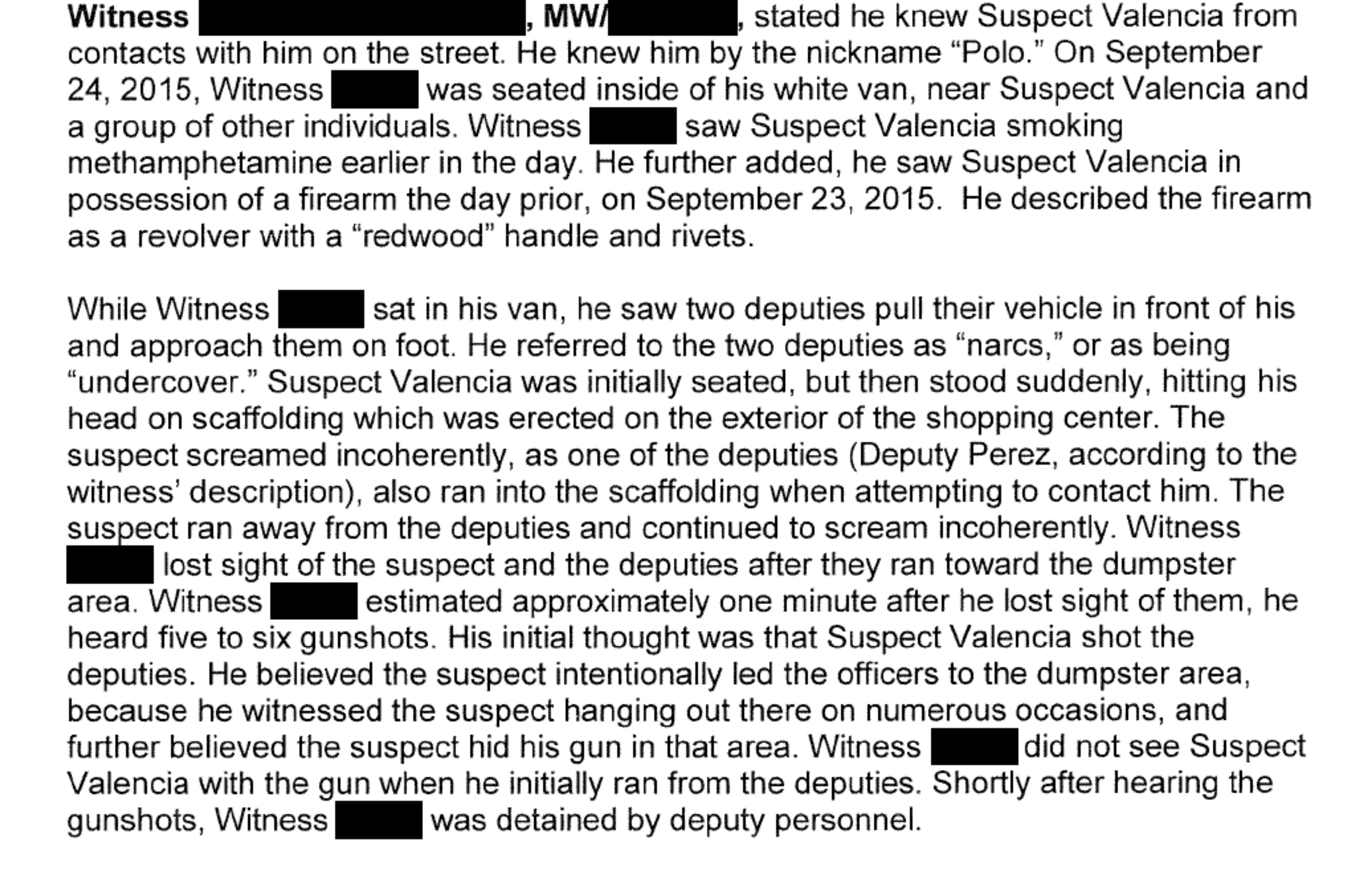
SUSPECT STATEMENTS

Suspect Valencia invoked his rights under Miranda, and did not provide a statement to Lakewood OSS detectives.

On December 7, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators attempted to speak with Suspect Valencia at Men's Central Jail. Suspect Valencia stated he did not want to speak with anyone, at the advice of his attorney. He did not provide the name of his attorney. Suspect Valencia also did not wish to be audio taped for his refusal to be interviewed. Suspect Valencia was advised the interview was for administrative purposes only, but he still refused to participate. Due to the fact he did not want his refusal audio taped, a copy of the jail pass from his housing location was included as **Exhibit I**.

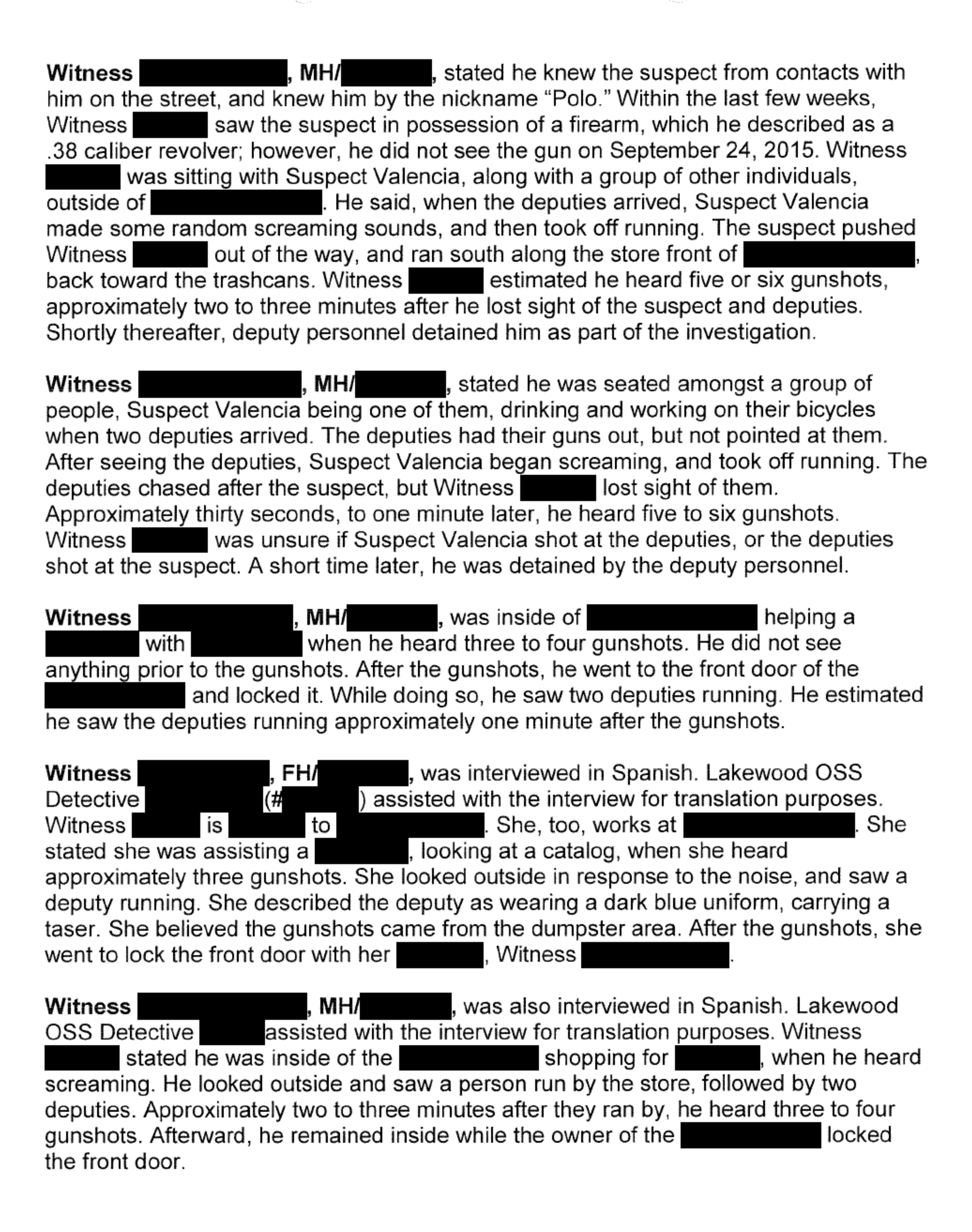
WITNESSES STATEMENTS

The following witnesses were interviewed by Operations Safe Streets Investigators and Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators on September 24, 2015. Following is a summary of those interviews. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions.



Witness [redacted], MW/[redacted], stated he knew Suspect Valencia from contacts with him on the street. He knew him by the nickname "Polo." On September 24, 2015, Witness [redacted] was seated inside of his white van, near Suspect Valencia and a group of other individuals. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Valencia smoking methamphetamine earlier in the day. He further added, he saw Suspect Valencia in possession of a firearm the day prior, on September 23, 2015. He described the firearm as a revolver with a "redwood" handle and rivets.

While Witness [redacted] sat in his van, he saw two deputies pull their vehicle in front of his and approach them on foot. He referred to the two deputies as "narcs," or as being "undercover." Suspect Valencia was initially seated, but then stood suddenly, hitting his head on scaffolding which was erected on the exterior of the shopping center. The suspect screamed incoherently, as one of the deputies (Deputy Perez, according to the witness' description), also ran into the scaffolding when attempting to contact him. The suspect ran away from the deputies and continued to scream incoherently. Witness [redacted] lost sight of the suspect and the deputies after they ran toward the dumpster area. Witness [redacted] estimated approximately one minute after he lost sight of them, he heard five to six gunshots. His initial thought was that Suspect Valencia shot the deputies. He believed the suspect intentionally led the officers to the dumpster area, because he witnessed the suspect hanging out there on numerous occasions, and further believed the suspect hid his gun in that area. Witness [redacted] did not see Suspect Valencia with the gun when he initially ran from the deputies. Shortly after hearing the gunshots, Witness [redacted] was detained by deputy personnel.



Witness [redacted]**, MH/**[redacted], stated he knew the suspect from contacts with him on the street, and knew him by the nickname "Polo." Within the last few weeks, Witness [redacted] saw the suspect in possession of a firearm, which he described as a .38 caliber revolver; however, he did not see the gun on September 24, 2015. Witness [redacted] was sitting with Suspect Valencia, along with a group of other individuals, outside of [redacted]. He said, when the deputies arrived, Suspect Valencia made some random screaming sounds, and then took off running. The suspect pushed Witness [redacted] out of the way, and ran south along the store front of [redacted], back toward the trashcans. Witness [redacted] estimated he heard five or six gunshots, approximately two to three minutes after he lost sight of the suspect and deputies. Shortly thereafter, deputy personnel detained him as part of the investigation.

Witness [redacted]**, MH/**[redacted], stated he was seated amongst a group of people, Suspect Valencia being one of them, drinking and working on their bicycles when two deputies arrived. The deputies had their guns out, but not pointed at them. After seeing the deputies, Suspect Valencia began screaming, and took off running. The deputies chased after the suspect, but Witness [redacted] lost sight of them. Approximately thirty seconds, to one minute later, he heard five to six gunshots. Witness [redacted] was unsure if Suspect Valencia shot at the deputies, or the deputies shot at the suspect. A short time later, he was detained by the deputy personnel.

Witness [redacted]**, MH/**[redacted], was inside of [redacted] helping a [redacted] with [redacted] when he heard three to four gunshots. He did not see anything prior to the gunshots. After the gunshots, he went to the front door of the [redacted] and locked it. While doing so, he saw two deputies running. He estimated he saw the deputies running approximately one minute after the gunshots.

Witness [redacted]**, FH/**[redacted], was interviewed in Spanish. Lakewood OSS Detective [redacted] (#[redacted]) assisted with the interview for translation purposes. Witness [redacted] is [redacted] to [redacted]. She, too, works at [redacted]. She stated she was assisting a [redacted], looking at a catalog, when she heard approximately three gunshots. She looked outside in response to the noise, and saw a deputy running. She described the deputy as wearing a dark blue uniform, carrying a taser. She believed the gunshots came from the dumpster area. After the gunshots, she went to lock the front door with her [redacted], Witness [redacted].

Witness [redacted]**, MH/**[redacted], was also interviewed in Spanish. Lakewood OSS Detective [redacted] assisted with the interview for translation purposes. Witness [redacted] stated he was inside of the [redacted] shopping for [redacted], when he heard screaming. He looked outside and saw a person run by the store, followed by two deputies. Approximately two to three minutes after they ran by, he heard three to four gunshots. Afterward, he remained inside while the owner of the [redacted] locked the front door.

Witness [redacted]**, FH/**[redacted], stated she was inside of the [redacted] at the time of the shooting. She was shopping for [redacted] when she heard someone yelling outside. When she looked around for the source of the yelling, she saw a male running by the front of the [redacted], followed by two deputies. She described the male as African-American, wearing baggy, dark clothes, and an orange shirt. The deputies were approximately twenty feet behind the male. She further described the manner in which the male was running. She indicated he maintained one of his arms near his midsection, while swinging the other arm in a running motion. She was unable to see if he was holding anything in his hands.

Approximately one to two minutes after she saw them run past the [redacted], she heard more than five gunshots from behind the [redacted]. After hearing the gunshots, she stated she continued shopping.

Witness [redacted]**, MH/**[redacted], was inside his residence during the shooting. He stated he heard more than four gunshots, and decided to come outside to see what was going on. When he exited, he saw deputy personnel searching around the shopping center where the shooting occurred. He did not see anything else.

WITNESS DEPUTY STATEMENTS

Detective [redacted] *was interviewed by Internal Affairs Investigators on October 26, 2015. Following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.*

Detective [redacted] was a member of the Lakewood OSS team on September 24, 2015, and was partnered with Detective Perez. They were conducting uniformed routine patrol in Lakewood Station's reporting district when they observed a group of males, and accompanying bicycles, on the south sidewalk of Foster Avenue. The detectives observed that one of the bicycles parked on the sidewalk matched the description of a bicycle stolen during the commission of a recent murder in the area. Detective [redacted] notified his partner of his observation, and they decided to investigate.

Detective Perez stopped their vehicle slightly east of the group of males, in front of a white van, and they exited their vehicle to make contact on foot. Prior to conducting the stop, Detective [redacted] alerted his partner to the fact his radio was operating with low battery power. He said the alert tone was beeping on his radio, indicative of low battery power. They agreed Detective Perez would handle radio traffic until they could return to the station to retrieve a new battery.

Detective [redacted] was the bookman and exited their car through the passenger side. He walked toward the rear of their car, and then westbound, around the backside of the white van. Detective [redacted] saw his partner walk toward the front of the van and onto the south curb-line. Detective [redacted] maintained a visual of his partner in his periphery. As he came around the back side of the van, Detective [redacted] heard some movement from within. When he ultimately reached the back of the van, he heard one of the males yelling. A male (Suspect Valencia) then stood up from a squatting position and hit his head on scaffolding, which was erected around the shopping center. After hitting his head, the suspect yelled again, and began navigating his way through the scaffolding. After he cleared the scaffolding, the suspect ran west along the sidewalk in the direction of Detective [redacted] but then turned southbound through the shopping center.

Detective [redacted] described the suspect as hopping, initially, prior to taking off in a sprint. He also saw Suspect Valencia reaching for his pockets.

IAB Note: Detective [redacted] wrote in his report he observed Suspect Valencia running with his right hand inside of his front right pocket, gripping the handle of a pistol. His report in included under Exhibit A.

Detective [redacted] ran to a position on the exterior of the scaffolding, and yelled for the suspect to stop. There was a planter at the edge of the shopping center parking lot, which Detective [redacted] jumped over when he initiated his foot pursuit of Suspect Valencia. He saw his partner following behind Suspect Valencia, and yelled out to the suspect, "Let go of the gun."

IAB Note: Detective [redacted] stated during his interview with Internal Affairs Bureau investigators, he shouted to the suspect, "Let go of the gun," for the dual purpose of giving verbal commands to the suspect, and notifying his partner of his observations. He also heard his partner state something regarding a foot pursuit, which he believed was Detective Perez broadcasting radio traffic.

Detective [redacted] heard additional statements coming from Detective Perez, but they were commands directed at the suspect. He heard him shouting, "Stop running," and "Get your hands out of your pockets."

Detective [redacted] ran after the suspect along the exterior of the scaffolding, in the shopping center parking lot. Detective Perez and the suspect remained on the interior of the scaffolding, and ran on the sidewalk of the shopping center. Detective [redacted] described himself as being almost parallel with the suspect, and ten to fifteen feet ahead of his partner, with the scaffolding separating them. Detective [redacted] was running with his firearm in his hands. He unholstered his gun at the onset of the foot pursuit, moments prior to jumping over the planter.

Suspect Valencia reached the end of the building, and turned eastbound (left) on the sidewalk. Detective [redacted] did not lose sight of the suspect when the suspect turned the corner due to his position on the exterior of the scaffolding. Detective Perez continued running south on the sidewalk behind the suspect, and Detective [redacted] stated he had a clear view of both of them. Detective [redacted] stopped running, and moved eastbound in the direction of his partner and the suspect. He ducked through the scaffolding, and took a position on the southwest corner of the [redacted]. Detective [redacted] communicated to his partner regarding the additional people back at the white van, where the initial stop occurred. He also observed two of the males who were standing near the white van walking toward their position.

Suspect Valencia continued through the pathway which led into the dumpster area. Detective [redacted] stated he did not know at the time if the dumpster area opened up into an alleyway, or was enclosed. Detective Perez was at a distance halfway between the corner of the [redacted], and the gateway to the dumpster area when Detective [redacted] advised him of the males walking toward them. Detective [redacted] estimated the distance to be approximately fifteen feet. He told investigators, Detective Perez was no longer running, but still advancing cautiously toward the gateway. He also recalled advising his partner to back-up, due to the advancement of the other males. Detective [redacted] shouted commands at the two males to get down, but they were not complying, resulting in his attention to be divided between his partner and the oncoming males.

Detective [redacted] estimated the suspect was out of view for approximately five seconds when he heard three to five gunshots. He described seeing small dust clouds coming from the gateway, and the rounds impacting the threshold. Detective [redacted] approximated Detective Perez was about five feet from the gateway. Detective [redacted] immediately directed his firearm at the gateway, and then heard his partner fire one round. He said Detective Perez fired his round in the same direction of the gateway where the suspect's rounds impacted. Detective [redacted] continued pointing his firearm at the gateway, while Detective Perez dropped back to a position of cover. Detective Perez moved in a southwest direction behind the cover of a vehicle parked in the parking lot. Detective [redacted] said they maintained their positions until assisting units arrived. He heard his partner broadcasting radio traffic, and they set up a containment for the suspect.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

DETECTIVE ARTHUR M. PEREZ

Detective Perez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Investigators on October 26, 2015. Following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Detective Perez was assigned to Operation Safe Streets on September 24, 2015. He was conducting routine patrol in the city of Lakewood, with Detective [redacted], when they observed a group of males hanging out on the south sidewalk of Foster Avenue next to some bicycles. One of the bicycles in question matched the description of a bicycle involved in a recent murder in the city of Lakewood. Detective Perez and Detective [redacted] decided to make contact with the males in order to investigate.

Prior to conducting a traffic stop, Detective [redacted] advised Detective Perez of his radio having a low battery. They decided Detective Perez would handle radio duties when necessary. Detective Perez stopped their vehicle in front of a white van parked along the curb line. He exited the driver's side and walked around the front of their vehicle toward the sidewalk. Detective [redacted] walked westbound along the driver's side of the van, toward the rear. When Detective Perez approached the group of males, he saw one of the males, Suspect Valencia, make eye contact with him and immediately reach his right hand into his pocket and grab the butt of a handgun. The butt of the handgun protruded from the outer edge of the suspect's pocket. Additionally, Detective Perez recognized the handgun from the outline through the suspect's clothing. The suspect then turned away from Detective Perez and walked westbound on the sidewalk. Before Detective Perez had the opportunity to shout any commands to Suspect Valencia, the suspect took off running.

The suspect screamed incoherently as he ran off in a sprint. Detective Perez yelled to the suspect to stop, but he did not comply. Detective Perez further recalled yelling out that the suspect had "it" (handgun) in his pocket. Detective Perez ran after the suspect, and clicked his microphone to initiate radio traffic. He said he broadcast emergent traffic they were involved in a foot pursuit of a "417" suspect, but he did not hear a response from the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC). He believed his partner also heard the radio traffic, because Detective [redacted] acknowledged back to him that the suspect had a gun.

IAB Note: The term "417" is the California Penal Code section for possession of a firearm.

Suspect Valencia initially ran westbound on the sidewalk, but then immediately cut southbound on the sidewalk in front of the furniture store. He ran along the interior of the scaffolding. Detective Perez ran after the suspect along the same path. He saw Detective [redacted] in his peripheral vision, running slightly ahead of him, on the exterior of the scaffolding.

When Suspect Valencia reached the south end of the building, he turned eastbound. Detective Perez approached the corner of the building, and began "slicing" the corner in order to keep the suspect in his sights. Suspect Valencia continued eastbound through a gateway which ultimately led into a trash dumpster area. Detective Perez estimated he was approximately ten to fifteen feet behind the suspect. He stated he slowed down after the suspect ran into the dumpster area and walked toward the opening while "slicing the pie" on the doorway to obtain a better visual. He hugged the south wall of the [redacted] as he approached the entryway. He saw his partner just to the west of him, addressing some of the males from the initial group on the sidewalk, and communicated to his partner that he was going to broadcast radio traffic for a containment.

IAB Note: [redacted]

Detective Perez moved to a position approximately five feet from the entryway and was about to coordinate units for containment when he took a few steps back. He said he realized he was in a bad area with no cover if the suspect re-emerged. As he stepped back, he heard the suspect fire five to six gunshots in rapid succession. Detective Perez did not see a muzzle flash, but saw either dust or cement chip away from the wall in front of him. Detective Perez was in fear the suspect was going to come through the entryway while still shooting, and given his position with no cover or concealment, he said he fired one round toward the right of the doorway where he believed the suspect was. He fired the round to allow himself the opportunity to retreat to a position of cover.

IAB Note: Detective Perez stated the gateway into the dumpster area, and one of the dumpsters was in his sight picture when he fired. He was aiming at a position on the wall, to the right of the dumpster. He stated a wall was in his backdrop.

After firing one round, Detective Perez moved to a position of cover behind a vehicle parked in the parking lot. The vehicle was southwest of his initial position. From there, he broadcast regarding the deputy-involved shooting and maintained his position until assisting units arrived. He saw that his partner maintained his position on the corner of the building.

On January 27, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted a follow-up interview with Detective Perez regarding his radio broadcast. When Detective Perez initially broadcast over the radio regarding the incident, he stated, "Shots fired," followed by the location. The radio code, "998," was not utilized initially. Detective Perez explained that when he returned fire at the suspect, it was contemporaneous with the suspect firing his last rounds. He additionally explained, because of the sound of the multiple gunshots from the suspect, the adrenaline rush he felt, and trying to find cover, he was unsure if his gun had actually fired. He stated he knew he pulled the trigger; however, he did not feel the recoil of his firearm, nor did he see the muzzle flash from his gun. As the incident progressed, he did not have the opportunity to inspect his firearm to confirm if his gun, did in fact, fire.

Approximately two minutes, and forty seconds into the radio broadcast, Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC), requested confirmation from the field units if the incident was a "Deputy-involved shooting," or only shots fired by the suspect. Detective Perez responded via radio, "Right now ma'am, it's just shots fired by the suspect." Detective Perez explained to investigators, he still had not confirmed if his gun actually fired. He said he later asked his partner, Detective [redacted] who made the confirmation.

As the incident continued to unfold, Detective Perez stated he advised one of the assisting units, Detective Esteban Soliz, #[redacted], regarding the deputy-involved shooting, and Detective Soliz updated the status over the radio at eight minutes, forty-six seconds.

RADIO TRANSMISSION:

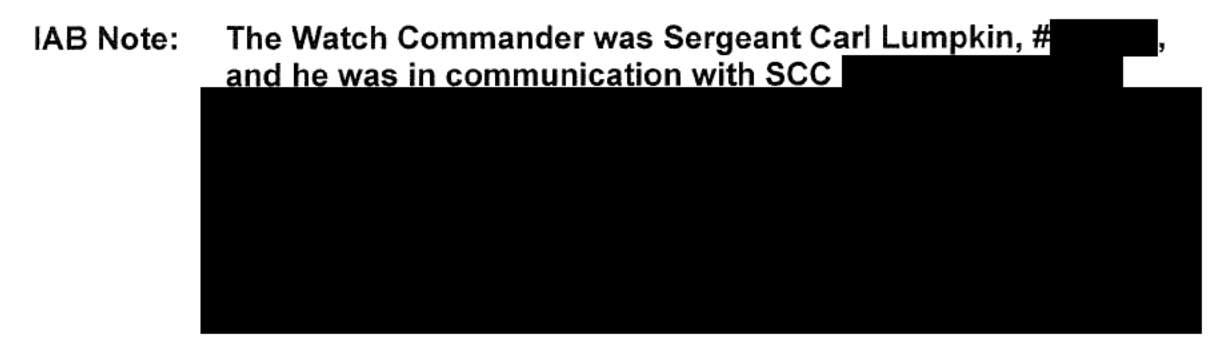
The radio traffic on Dispatch-14 is contained on one audio file. The file is labelled, "092415 OSS 998 DISP14."

The audio file begins with the identifier of the date, "Thursday, September 24, 2015," and the time, "2:42 PM." The first broadcast was from Unit 130G1 (Detectives Perez and [redacted] requesting emergency clearance. Detective Perez advised, "Shots fired, Woodruff and Foster, southeast corner," followed by "417 suspect." Immediately following the broadcast, Unit 130G2 (Detective Esteban Soliz, #[redacted]) advised they were responding Code 3. Sergeant Jeffrey Moore, Unit 130GS, also advised he was responding.

At one minute, nine seconds into the broadcast, Detective Perez broadcast a description of the suspect, and further advised the suspect may be trapped in the trash dumpster area. At one minute, forty-five seconds, a containment around the area was being established. At two minutes, six seconds, a unit requested information confirming if all units were accounted for. Detective Perez confirmed the request, stating he and his partner were present on the west side of the location. A unit then asked at two minutes, thirty-three seconds if it was okay to proceed with the containment.

At two minutes, forty seconds, SCC asked the field units to confirm per the Watch Commander, if the incident was "shots fired" or a "998."

IAB Note: **The Watch Commander was Sergeant Carl Lumpkin, #[redacted], and he was in communication with SCC [redacted]**



Detective Perez responded at two minutes, fifty seconds, "Right now ma'am, it's just shots fired by the suspect." Sergeant Lumpkin acknowledged he copied Detective Perez' broadcast with the SCC dispatcher. Field units then continued setting up the containment for the suspect.

At three minutes, thirty-four seconds, Unit 130GS requested Canine Services Detail and Special Enforcement Bureau regarding the suspect barricaded behind a business. At three minutes, fifty-seven seconds, a unit advised he was flagged down by a female directing the deputies to the backyard of her house. At four minutes, twenty-six seconds, Air-8 advised an ETA of approximately thirteen minutes.

At eight minutes, forty-six seconds, a Lakewood unit requested to confirm with 130GS if all units were accounted for. Detective Soliz responded to the request, "Yeah, code 4. Suspect got off approximately five rounds, and our guys did return fire about twice, but everyone is accounted for." Detective Soliz further broadcast information regarding the possible suspect. At ten minutes, fifteen seconds, Air-8 asked if the incident was a 998 or shots fired. A unit responded, "Hey sir, so far it's going to be 245 on deputies, and then 998 after." Air-8 advised their ETA was eleven minutes.

A new electronic identifier was recorded at ten minutes, forty-eight seconds, indicating the time as 2:53 PM. The electronic identifier occurred again at eleven minutes, nineteen seconds, indicating the time as 2:54 PM. Continuing broadcast of the containment, and establishing of the Command Post occurred at twelve minutes, twenty-four seconds.

At thirteen minutes, one second, a new electronic identifier was recorded, indicating the time as 2:55 PM. A unit advised to move the Command Post to a different location. The Command Post was moved to a position at Woodruff and Rosecrans at thirteen minutes, twenty-four seconds. There was some other coordination and logistical information broadcast thereafter.

At fifteen minutes, twenty-one seconds, a new electronic identifier recorded indicating the time as 2:57 PM. The broadcast continued with additional coordination of resources and logistics. The recording total was eighteen minutes, six seconds.

A Compact Disc containing the audio files above are included with this case **[Exhibit J]**. The dispatch radio traffic was also transcribed and included with **Exhibit J**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Suspect Valencia was ultimately taken into custody by members of Canine Services Detail and Special Enforcement Bureau at [redacted].

CASE STATUS

Suspect Leopoldo Valencia

Next Court Date:	02-18-2016
Proceeding:	Preliminary Hearing
Location:	Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center – Department 38